



Pittwater Animal Hospital

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FACT SHEET

Tick Paralysis Discharge Guidelines

Your pet is now well on the way to making a full recovery from tick paralysis and is ready to be taken home. However, the full effects of the tick paralysis, particularly on the heart, have not worn off, and there are several things you must do at home to ensure a full recovery.

- **Strictly control access to food.** We will have given your pet water and, in most situations, food as well. Nevertheless, for the first 24-48 hours you should offer food only in small amounts. If there's any coughing, gagging or retching during or immediately after eating, take away the food and call us on **9913-7979**.
- **Keep your recovering pet in a cool and quiet place.** Changes to the heart and blood pressure have reduced tolerance to exercise and excitement. So do not expose your pet to lots of people, especially children. Limit walking to toilet breaks and avoid car trips until a week after apparent recovery.
- **Ensure your pet is urinating properly.**
- **Check for daily improvement until your pet has returned to normal.**
- **Continue to check daily for ticks.** Treatment with tick antiserum does not provide ongoing protection, and surviving a tick poisoning does not mean your pet has developed immunity.
- **Start/resume tick prevention as per our recommendation.**

If you have any concerns at all regarding the condition of your pet, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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